Export duty on cocoanut produce.

260. *MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have taken any action on the resolution passed in the Legislative Council in Dhanu 1108 for the abolition of the export duty on the produce of the cocoanut tree ;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the action that they have taken ; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, the reason for not taking any action ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) and (*b*) The matter is under the consideration of Government.

(*c*) This does not arise in view of the answer to parts (*a*) and (*b*).

Text-Book for Form VI.

261. *MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the total cost of the detailed text-books in Malayalam prescribed for the Sixth Form this year ;

(*b*) the approximate price at which a Government publication (of the type of the present selection in English) containing 1,000 lines of poetry and 120 pages of prose be sold at a reasonable profit to the Government ;

(*c*) the approximate gain to the Government per book of a compilation like the present School Final text in English at its present price ;

(*d*) whether the Government are now receiving any income from any of these books, and

(*e*) whether the Government are receiving any income from the Government publications that are used as text-books, and, if so, the income in 1108 ;

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) Re. 1-Chs. 24-C. 8.

(*b*) Annas 8 per book.

(*c*) Annas 8 per book.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) Yes ; Rs. 48,130.

Repairs to the Kozhungalloo Chira.

262. *MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade II*) Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have, or the Chief Engineer has, received a petition dated 20-10-1107 *re* the repairing of the Kozhungalloo *chira* comprised in Survey No 308/2 of Nedumkunnom *pakuthi* in the Changanachery taluk, from the public of the said locality ; and

(*b*) if so, the steps taken on the same ?

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MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The *Ichira* has been inspected and a preliminary report submitted by the Division Officer, Kottayam. On account of financial stringency, further action could not be taken.

Retrenchment in expenditure.

263. *MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur* cum *Pattanapuram*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the extent to which the recommendations of the Retrenchment Committee have been given effect to ; and

(*b*) why the other recommendations were not accepted by Government ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) and (*b*) The member is referred to G. O. No. Fl. 1352, dated the 19th July 1933, and annexures to the Final Report of the Retrenchment Committee, 1931, a copy of which has already been furnished to the member.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur* cum *Pattanapuram*) : Am I to understand that the Government has not bestowed any consideration on the recommendations of the Retrenchment Committee ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : They are considering several of the proposals of the Retrenchment Committee.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur* cum *Pattanapuram*) : May I know what proposals are under the consideration of Government ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The standardisation of the salaries of officers, the creation of a common cadre of officers and the recommendations of the Public Service Recruitment Commmittee, which include, I believe, some proposals for retrenchment.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur* cum *Pattanapuram*) : Am I to understand that none of the recommendations of the Retrenchment Committee for reducing the expenditure has received the consideration of Government ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The G. O. referred to does contain the recommendations acted upon by Government.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur* cum *Pattanapuram*) : Since the date of the G. O. ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Since then no.

Statement by casts of clerks etc., in the Judicial Department.

264. *MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*) : Will the Government be pleased to give a statement by caste showing :

(*a*) the number of clerks in the Judicial Department of the State,

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